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TO: Board Members

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Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Executive Officer's Report on Decisions for Vocational Nursing and  
Psychiatric Technician Programs

The following is a summary of the Executive Officer's (EO) decisions for Vocational Nursing (VN) and Psychiatric Technician (PT) programs.

### Effective May 30, 2012

**1. Antelope Valley College, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Cowell, Lancaster, Los Angeles County, Community College)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Board received a completed Program Records Survey for the Antelope Valley College VN Program on February 1, 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO approved continued full approval for the Antelope Valley College VN Program for the four-year period from May 13, 2012, through May 12, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students on August 20, 2012; graduating August 2, 2013, only, to **replace** students that graduate August 3, 2011; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program is in compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. During quarter four (4) of 2009, the program's licensure pass rates fell to 46%. The 2010 quarters, continued to remain low, i.e., 43%, 46%, 47%, and 57%. Over the most recent five (5) quarters, the program licensure pass rates have consistently risen with the most current quarter at 80%. The

program average annual pass rate is currently nine (9) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Approving the replacement class is warranted based on the programs recent increase in pass rates. Additionally, requiring the program to continue to request classes is warranted based on the previous low pass rates.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**2. Bakersfield Adult School VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Shirley Ray, Bakersfield, Kern County, Adult)**

The Bakersfield Adult School VN Program requests Board approval to admit 15 students on August 20, 2012 graduating June 30, 2014. This class would **replace** students graduating on June 30, 2012.

The EO approved Bakersfield Adult School VN Program's request to admit 15 students on August 20, 2012, graduating June 30, 2014 to **replace** students graduating on June 30, 2012; **and** required the program to admit no additional students without Board approval.

**Rationale:** The program's current **quarterly** pass rate is **50%**. However, it is noted that the statistic represents a test population of two (2) graduates. The program's current average **annual** pass rate is **71%**. This is three (3) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Although, its current average annual licensure pass rate is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate, the program's licensure pass rates have **decreased** by **22** percentage points, since quarter two (2) of 2011. The program would benefit by investigating the cause(s) of the current downward trend in licensure pass rates and create a plan to correct.

**3. Concorde Career College, San Diego, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Angelia Monroy, San Diego, San Diego County, Private)**

The Concorde Career College, San Diego, VN Program requests approval to admit a part – time evening and weekend class of 30 students commencing October 16, 2012, and graduating on June 26, 2014. The request results from the program's partnership with a local health care facility for the training of additional healthcare personnel.



Specifically, the program has entered into contract with Sharp Healthcare System to provide education leading to the development and advancement of nursing personnel. A copy of the agreement is attached.

The EO approved Concorde Career College, San Diego, VN Program's request to admit a part – time (weekend, evening) class of 30 students on October 16, 2012 only, with a projected graduation date of June 26, 2014; **and** approved the program's continued ongoing admission of 30 students three (3) times a year in January, May, and September.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate has been above the state average annual pass rate for 14 of the 17 quarters, since January 2008. For the current quarter, the program's pass rate is 100% and the average annual pass rate is 97%. These statistics support the recommendation for approval of the class.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other critical resources, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**4. Curam College of Nursing VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Initial Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Wayne Williams, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private).**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Curam College of Nursing VN Program was inspected April 26 and 27, 2012. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The initial class completed program requirements on May 10, 2012. The program requests Board approval to admit a **replacement** class of 30 students on June 4, 2012, with a projected graduation date of March 1, 2013.

Curam College of Nursing is requesting to admit a class of 30 students on June 4, 2012 with a projected graduation date of March 1, 2013, only, to **replace** students who graduated May 10, 2012.

The EO approved the Curam College of Nursing VN Program for the four – year period from May 25, 2012, through May 24, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit a class of 30 students on June 4, 2012 with a projected graduation date of March 1, 2013, only, to **replace** students who graduated May 10, 2012; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of additional students.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5, Section 2530 (a) of the VN Rules and Regulations. The site visit identified the program has the resources necessary to support the number of students in the proposed replacement class.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**5. Integrity College of Health VN Program - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Bea Martin, Altadena, Los Angeles County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Integrity College of Health, VN Program in April 2012. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the Integrity College of Health VN Program for the four - year period from March 18, 2012, to March 19, 2016 and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's approval for ongoing admissions of 30 students three (3) times each calendar year to **replace** graduating classes, only.

**Rationale:** During the last fourteen (14) quarters, the program has been compliant with Section 2530 (l) pass rate requirements for twelve (12) quarters. These statistics warrant continued approval.

It is noted that the program's quarterly pass rates were more than ten (10) percentage points below state quarterly pass rates for three (3) consecutive quarters, from 58% in April 2011 to 50% in December 2011. It is further noted that statistics for the most recent period confirm a quarterly pass rate of 71% and an average annual pass rate of 61%. As such, the program's current average



annual pass rate is 13 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**6. Pasadena City College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation (Director: Charles Morrison – Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Community College)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representative's visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On February 1, 2012, the Board received electronic correspondence from the Pasadena City College VN Program and a completed Program Records Survey. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The program has proposed a revision of its curriculum. The proposed change is made to comply with new college credit requirements.

The EO continued full approval of the Pasadena City College Vocational Nursing Program for the four-year period from May 14, 2012, through May 13, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's revised curriculum re-sequencing mental health content from Semester I and II to separate Mental Health Seminar classes; **and** continued the program's approval to admit 45 students each fall semester to replace graduating classes, only.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, the program has completed and submitted a request for continued approval. A comprehensive analysis of the Program Records Survey was completed. The program has demonstrated full compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements for continued approval specified in Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Published examination statistics confirm the program's average annual pass have been more than ten (10) percentage points **above** state average annual pass rates for 14 of the previous 15 quarters. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is

83%. This is nine (9) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**7. Porterville College PT Program - Report of Program Records Survey**  
(Director Kim Behrens, Porterville, Tulare County, Community College)

In accordance with Section 4532 of the PT Rules and Regulations, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all psychiatric technician schools in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations.

The Porterville College PT Program was reviewed on May 7, 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the PT Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Porterville College PT Program for the period June 20, 2011 through June 19, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admission of 45 students, two (2) classes per year, admitting in the Fall and Spring.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate is 77%. This is three (3) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. Since January 2006, 495 students were enrolled in classes. Of the 495 students, 377 (76.16%) graduated 118 (23.84%) did not graduate. Twenty-eight (28) students currently remain enrolled in classes.

In March of 2010, the program admitted an unauthorized class of 15 students. Board records show the program is approved to admit 45 students, two (2) times per year. One (1) class in Spring and one (1) class in Fall.

The program admitted three (3) classes in 2010. The director indicated the program did not have enough applicants for the class that was scheduled to begin in January 2010. In March 2010, the program admitted an additional class of 15 students without prior Board approval. The director said she thought that as long as they



did not admit more than the Board approved 45 students, they were abiding by the Board's regulations.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's compliance with the California Rules and Regulations.

**8. Porterville College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval** (Director: Kim Behrens, Tulare County – Community College)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representative's visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On March 21, 2012, the Board received a completed Program Records Survey requesting continued approval of the Porterville College VN Program. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the Porterville College VN Program for the four-year period from June 20, 2011, through June 19, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing admission of 30 students every spring and fall semester only (in January and August, respectively).

**Rationale:** The program currently has 20 enrolled students. The program is currently approved to admit two (2) classes a year. However, due to budget cuts the program will only be admitting one (1) time per year, alternating Spring and Fall semesters.

The program's average annual pass rate is 65% which is nine (9) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program licensure pass rates have been 65% for the last three (3) consecutive quarters. It would benefit the program to investigate the downward trend in the licensure pass rates.

Submitted documents and published examination statistics substantiate that the program meets the requirements of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**9. Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Rancho Mirage, Riverside County, Private)**

The Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, also known as Santa Barbara Business College, Palm Desert, VN Program requests Board approval to admit 30 students into the full – time class commencing June 1, 2012; graduating August 1, 2013 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on May 17, 2012.

The EO approved Santa Barbara Business College, Rancho Mirage, VN Program's request to admit 30 students into full-time class commencing June 1, 2012 only, graduating August 1, 2013; to **replace** students graduating on May 17, 2012; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** The program has had two (2) classes, to date. The program's initial class graduated fourteen (14) students. The second class is scheduled to graduate May 17, 2012. Currently, ten (10) students are enrolled in the second class.

The program's average annual licensure pass rate is **90%**. This data is based on the initial class of graduates. Based on the program's pass rate, the request to **replace** the graduating class is recommended.

To date, the program has enrolled 44 students. Of the 44 students, 14 have graduated and ten (10) remain enrolled in classes. As such, the program's attrition rate is **45.45%**. It is advised that the program investigate the cause of the high attrition rate and create a plan to decrease it.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**10. Valley School of Allied Health, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Norma Jones, Reseda, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Valley School of Allied Health VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students on June 11, 2012, graduating July 20, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated June 8, 2012.

On September 16, 2010, the Board placed Valley School of Allied Health VN Program on provisional accreditation for the two-year period from September 16, 2010, through September 30, 2012. The Board rescinded approval for the program's ongoing admissions and required the program to admit no additional



students unless approved by the Board. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with California Code of Regulations Section 2530 (I).

The EO approved Valley School of Allied Health VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on June 11, 2012 only, graduating July 20, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated June 8, 2012; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain approval by the Board prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate is 65% and the most recent quarter pass rate is 53%. This is a **decrease** of seven (7) percentage points on the average annual pass rate and an **18** percentage point **drop** on the quarter pass rate from the previous quarter. However, it must be noted, that the program's average **annual** pass rate has **increased from 50 percent to 65 percent** since placement on provisional approval at the September 16, 2010 Board meeting. The program's average annual pass rate is **within nine (9)** percentage points of the state average annual pass rate.

Twenty-two (22) students are currently enrolled in classes. The addition of 20 students, per the request, would give the program a total of 42 students until the June 2012 class graduates. Since the program's licensure pass rates are within the expected parameters, the class of 20 students is recommended.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

### **Effective June 7, 2012**

#### **11. American College of Nursing VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students (Director: Laura Smith McKenna, Concord, Contra Costa County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or visits determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On February 1, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the director and completed Program Records Survey for continued approval of the American College of Nursing VN Program in March 2012. The program was reviewed to

determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified.

The program requests approval to admit an evening class of 45 students with a start date of June 18, 2012 and graduation date of June 22, 2013; and requests approval to admit a day class of 45 students with a start date of July 23, 2012 and graduation date of July 27, 2013 to replace graduating students.

The EO approved the American College of Nursing VN Program for a four-year period from March 4, 2012 to March 3, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** denied the program's request to admit 45 students and **approve** admission of an evening class of 45 students with a start date of June 18, 2012 and graduation date of June 22, 2013, only, to **replace** students graduating June 1, 2012; **and** denied the program's request to admit 45 students and **approve** admission of a day class of 30 students with a start date of July 23, 2012 and graduation date of July 27, 2013, only, to **replace** students graduating July 20, 2012, only; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** One (1) violation of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations was identified. Specifically, the program violated Section 2530 (k), and admitted 28 students in January 2012 without prior Board approval. On June 4, 2012, the program was issued a Notice of Violation. The program is required to submit an explanation relative to the violation and a plan to prevent reoccurrences of the violation by June 15, 2012.

The program's declining annual pass rates are of concern. The current annual pass rate is 61% which is **13 percentage points below the State annual pass rate**. As such, approval of only 30 students instead of 45 students will allow the program to focus on fewer students to help improve pass rate deficits. It is hoped that with fewer students the program can bring pass rate scores to previously achieved scores.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities, to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.



**12. Anderson Medical Career College, City of Commerce, VN Program – Request to Admit Students.** (Director: Rosie Vasquez, City of Commerce, Los Angeles County, Private)

Anderson Medical Career College, City of Commerce, VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 35 students commencing on June 4, 2012 and graduating on August 9, 2013, to **replace** the class that graduated September 23, 2012.

Furthermore, the program is requesting approval to admit a class of 25 students to commence on January 5, 2013 and graduate on June 28, 2015.

The EO approved Anderson Medical Career College VN Program's request to admit a full-time class of 35 students commencing on June 4, 2012 and graduating on August 9, 2013, to **replace** students who will graduate September 23, 2012; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 25 students commencing January 5, 2013, and graduating June 28, 2015, at this time; **and** required the program to complete a comprehensive analysis of critical program elements and submit a written report by **June 30, 2012**. The report must include a summary of the program analysis, specific actions taken to improve program pass rates, timeline for implementation, and the effect of employed interventions. The following elements must be addressed in the analysis.

- a. Admission Criteria.
- b. Screening and Selection Criteria.
- c. Terminal Objectives.
- d. Curriculum Objectives.
- e. Instructional Plan.
- f. Theory and Clinical Objectives for Each Course.
- g. Lesson Plans for Each Course.
- h. Textbooks.
- i. Attendance Policy.
- j. Remediation Policy.
- k. Evaluations of Theory and Clinical Faculty.
- l. Evaluations of Theory Presentations.
- m. Evaluations of Clinical Rotations and Their Correlation to Theory Presentations.
- n. Evaluation of Student Achievement.
- o. Current Enrollment.

Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** To date, the program has admitted two (2) classes since its inception. The initial class included 28 students. Fourteen (14) graduates completed the program. In August 2010, the program

admitted a second class of 14 students. Twelve (12) students remain enrolled.

The program's average annual licensure pass rates have been poor from the program's first group of fourteen (14) students who graduated in June 2010.

The current average annual licensure pass rate is 40% which is thirty - four (34) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. As such, approval of additional students is not currently warranted until the program can demonstrate compliance with Section 2530 (l) of the Vocational Nursing Rules and Regulations.

The program director has submitted a plan to improve NCLEX pass rates which includes improving instruction and monitoring of current students, expanding test preparation resources available to students prior to taking the NCLEX, and ensuring high - quality students in future classes. The new owners of the program expressed a commitment to wanting to develop a quality Vocational Nursing Program. Additional students are not warranted until the program demonstrates that its corrective plan can produce demonstrated improvement in pass rates.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources necessary to support the current and proposed student enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**13. Bay Area College of Nursing, Daly City, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Major Curriculum Revision (Director: Rachelle Cagampan-Mendoza, Daly City, San Francisco County, Private)**

The Bay Area College of Nursing, Daly City, VN Program requests approval to admit an evening class of 20 students plus 3 alternates beginning on August 8, 2012 and graduating on October 13, 2013.

The program is also requesting approval of a major revision of its curriculum.

The EO deferred action on the Bay Area College of Nursing, Daly City, VN Program's request to admit one evening class of 20 students plus three (3) alternates beginning on August 8, 2012 and graduating on October 13, 2013, to the full Board; **and** rescinded the program's approval for ongoing admissions; **and** placed the program on the September 2012 Board agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval.



**Rationale:** The program has not admitted students to replace the last class that graduated in December, 2011. The program's current average annual pass rate is 52%. This is 22 percentage points below the current annual state average. Of the fifteen (15) quarters since its inception, the program's average annual pass rates have been compliant two (2) quarters (13.33%) and noncompliant 13 quarters (86.66%). Further, the program's average annual pass rates have been more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates for the previous seven (7) consecutive quarters.

The program has made major changes in curriculum, instructional methods and materials, admission criteria, screening and selection criteria, attendance policies and evaluation of student achievement all aimed at helping to improve student achievement. As proposed, the revised curriculum is consistent with requirements set forth in the California Code of Regulations §2532 and §2533.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in its current and proposed enrollment. However, given the current and previous program performance statistics, rescission of the program's approval for ongoing admissions and deferring action on the request to admit students to the Board for action are warranted.

**14. Carrington College of California, San Leandro, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval and Major Curriculum Revision (Director: Jacalynn Blankenship, San Leandro, Alameda County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to review or inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representative's visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On February 21, 2012, the Board received a completed Program Records Survey for the Carrington College of California, San Leandro, also known as Western Career College, VN Program. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Carrington Career College, San Leandro VN Program for a four-year period from May 13, 2012 to May 12, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's major curriculum revision from a four (4) term to a three (3) term program to include 1530 total hours, Theory - 576 hours, Clinical - 954; **and** continued approval of the program's

current pattern of admissions to include three full-time classes of 30 students admitted each calendar year.

**Rationale:** As noted previously, published NCLEX/PN® performance statistics for the program evidence a progressive decline in the program's average annual pass rates from **79%** for the quarter **July – September 2010** to **63%** for the period **January – March 2012**. The program's current average annual pass rate is **eleven (11)** percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

Given this statistical pattern, the program has completed an analysis of critical program elements that impact student achievement. Based on that analysis, a major revision of the program curriculum was proposed.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**15. Carrington College California, Sacramento - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Accreditation Request to Increase Student Admissions; and Request for a Major Curriculum Revision; (Director: Denise Rodriguez – Sacramento, Sacramento County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Carrington College California, Sacramento VN Program in March 2012. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified.

The program requests approval to increase the maximum number of enrolled students from 30 to 36 students three (3) times each year to **replace** graduating classes, **only**.

The EO continued approval of the Carrington College California, Sacramento, VN Program for the four-year period from February 20, 2012, through February 19, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's major curriculum revision from a four (4) term to a three (3) term program to include 1530 total hours, Theory - 576 hours, Clinical – 954; **and** approved the program's



request to increase the maximum number of students enrolled per class from 30 to 36 students each year to **replace** graduating classes **only**, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's revised pattern of admissions includes three (3) classes of thirty – six (36) students per year to **replace** graduating classes only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** One (1) violation of the VN Rules and Regulations was identified. Specifically, the program failed to notify the Board of faculty terminations as required by existing regulations. This violation has been corrected.

Published program performance statistics substantiate the program's compliance with regulatory requirements relative to program pass rates. Specifically, the program's average annual pass rates have exceeded state average annual pass rates for fourteen (14) consecutive quarters. Such statistics support the recommendation to continue program approval.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students requested. The proposed curriculum changes meet all VN Rules and Regulations in sections 2532 and 2533.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**16. Charter College, Canyon Country Campus (formerly Clarita Career College), VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students; (Director: Vivian Gold, Canyon Country, Los Angeles County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or

reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections or reviews determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On February 24, 2012, the Board received the completed Program Records Survey requesting continued approval of the Charter College, Canyon Country VN Program. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The program is also requesting to increase the maximum number of students admitted per class to 40 students every 16 weeks commencing May 28, 2012 and graduating on July 25, 2013. Currently, the program is approved to admit 30 students every 16 weeks.

The EO continued approval of the Charter College, Canyon Country, VN Program for the period from March 3, 2012, through March 2, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to increase the maximum number of students admitted per class to 40 students to **replace** graduating classes only, commencing June 4, 2012, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes ongoing admission of 40 students every 16 weeks to replace graduating classes only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** Based on submitted and published data and information, the program has demonstrated full compliance with regulatory requirements specified in Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Published program performance statistics substantiate that the program's average annual pass rates have exceeded state average pass rates for the sixteen (16) quarters since the program's initial approval. Based on the most recent data available (January to March 2012), the program's average annual pass rate is 89%, **fifteen (15) percentage points above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students requested. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination



pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**17. El Monte–Rosemead Adult School VN Program - Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students and Request to Increase Frequency of Admissions (Director: Angela Cheung, El Monte, Los Angeles County, Adult School)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representative's inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the El Monte–Rosemead Adult School VN Program in September 2007. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were noted.

The EO continued approval of the El Monte – Rosemead Adult School, VN Program for the period December 5, 2011, through December 4, 2015, and issued a certificate accordingly.

**Rationale:** The program is currently compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

Additionally, the EO continued approval of the program's ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's approved pattern of admissions includes one (1) full - time class of 15 students and one (1) alternate every 46 weeks.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** The program has maintained licensure pass rates more than ten (10) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate since inception. The current average annual pass rate is 86%. Based on this data the recommendation to continue approval is warranted.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**18. Four-D College, Colton, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Jean Stevenson - Colton, San Bernardino County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or reviews shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The Board received correspondence from the director and a completed Program Records Survey for continued approval in May 2012. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was noted.

The EO continued full approval for the Four-D College, Colton, VN Program for the four-year period from May 13, 2012, through May 12, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; and continued approval of the program's ongoing pattern of admissions with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes four (4) full-time classes of 60 students admitted each calendar year, only (January, April, July and October) and three (3) part-time classes of 45 students each calendar year, only (March, September and December).
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rate remains compliant with regulatory requirements.

**Rationale:** One (1) violation of the VN Rules and Regulations was identified. Specifically, the program failed to notify the Board of faculty terminations as required by existing regulations. A Notice of Violation was issued. The director submitted a plan to prevent a reoccurrence of the violation. This violation has been corrected.



Published examination statistics confirm the program's average annual pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of state average annual pass rates for 14 of the previous 15 quarters. Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 69%. This is five (5) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**19. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Larisa Revzina, Modesto, San Joaquin County, Private)**

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program, requests approval to admit 36 students into a **day** class commencing July 9, 2012, graduating July 26, 2013. The proposed class would **replace** students in the current day class who will graduate on June 22, 2012.

The program is also requesting an **evening** class of 36 students to begin on July 9, 2012, graduating July 26, 2013. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class who will graduate on June 22, 2012.

Further, the program is requesting approval for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students only. Specifically, approval is requested to admit four (4) classes per year, two (2) day classes and two (2) evening classes, admitting in January and July, with 36 students per class.

The EO approved Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Modesto, VN Program's request to admit a **day** class of 36 students commencing July 9, 2012 only, and graduating July 26, 2013. The proposed class will **replace** students in the **day** class who will graduate June 22, 2012. The EO also approved the program's request to admit an **evening** class of 36 students commencing July 9, 2012 only, and graduating July 26, 2013. The proposed class will **replace** students in the **evening** class who will graduate June 22, 2012.

Additionally, the EO approved the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes four (4) classes, two (2) day classes of 36 students and two (2) evening classes of 36 students, admitting in January and July per year.

- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

**Rationale:** To date, 273 students have enrolled in the program. Of the 273 enrolled students, 131 have graduated and 46 remain currently enrolled. As such, the program's attrition rate is 52%. Of the 131 graduates, 97 (74%) have taken the licensure examination. To date, 34 (26%) graduates have **not** taken the licensure examination. It would benefit the program to investigate the cause(s) of 52% of the program's enrolled students not completing the program and create a plan to correct the deficiency.

Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is **80%**. This is six (6) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program's licensure pass rates have increased during the last five (5) quarters after a serious decline in quarter four (4) of 2010 to 48%. The program revised the curriculum during the summer of 2010 to increase graduates performance on the NCLEX-PN®. Additionally, the program added an NCLEX review of 40 hours over an additional four (4) weeks.

The program is requesting approval of ongoing admissions of four (4) classes a year. Based on five (5) consecutive quarters of licensure pass rates within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate and the program's demonstrated administrative stability, the recommendation to approve ongoing admission of four (4) classes per year is warranted.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement classes. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**20. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Larisa Revzina, Fresno, Fresno County, Private)**

Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program, requests approval to admit 30 students into a **day** class commencing July 9, 2012, graduating June



20, 2013. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class who will graduate June 22, 2012.

The program is also requesting approval to admit a class of 30 students into an **evening** class commencing July 9, 2012, and graduating June 20, 2013. The proposed class would **replace** students in the evening class who will graduate June 22, 2012.

The EO approved Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, Fresno, VN Program's request to admit a **day** class of 30 students commencing July 9, 2012 only, and graduating June 20, 2013. The proposed class will **replace** students in the **day** class who will graduate June 22, 2012. The EO also approved the program's request to admit an **evening** class of 30 students commencing July 9, 2012 only, and graduating June 22, 2013. The proposed class will **replace** students in the **evening** class who will graduate June 22, 2012. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** To date, 268 students have enrolled in the program. Of the 268 enrolled students, 171 have graduated and 44 remain currently enrolled. As such, the program's attrition rate is 20%.

Of the 171 graduates, 44 students graduated February 2012 and data for these graduates is not reflected in current figures available for the school. One-hundred three (103) or 80% have taken the licensure examination (excluding the 44 recent graduates).

Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 61%. This is thirteen (13) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. There are ten (10) quarters of data recorded for the program since inception. Seven (7) of the ten (10) quarters are more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. During quarter two (2) and three (3) of 2011, the pass rates were within an acceptable range (68% and 75%). During the two (2) most recent quarters the pass rates have fallen 12 and 13 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

The program revised their curriculum during the summer of 2010 to increase graduates performance on the NCLEX-PN®. Additionally, the program added an NCLEX review course of 40 hours over an additional four (4) weeks in an ongoing attempt to increase licensure pass rates.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement classes.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**21. Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval; Request to Admit Students** (Director: Lynette Ferro; Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; Private)

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to review or inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On May 2, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the director and a completed Program Records Survey requesting continued approval of the Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Two (2) violations were noted.

The program requests approval to admit 30 students into a part-time class beginning on June 7, 2012 and graduating on January 31, 2014 to replace the class that graduated in December, 2011.

The EO continued full approval of the Marian College, Los Angeles, VN Program for a four-year period, from February 19, 2012, through February 18, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time class beginning on June 7, 2012 only, and graduating on January 31, 2014, to **replace** the class that graduated December 2011; **and** continued approval of the program's ongoing pattern of admissions to **replace** graduating classes only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The programs current pattern of approval is two full-time and three part-time classes per calendar year with 30 students per class.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** Two (2) violations of the VN Rules and Regulations were identified. Specifically, the program failed to notify the Board of faculty



terminations and admitted students without board approval as required by existing regulations. Notices of Violation were issued. Both violations have been corrected. The director has submitted plans to prevent reoccurrences of the violations.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed number of students requested. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**22. Marian College, Van Nuys, VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Alma Parco, Van Nuys, Los Angeles County- Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review vocational nursing schools in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On May 2, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the director and a completed Program Records Survey requesting continued approval of the Marian College, Van Nuys, VN Program. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval of the Marian College, Van Nuys, VN Program for a four-year period, from May 14, 2012, through May 13, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued approval of the program's current pattern of ongoing admissions three (3) times per year for its 48-week full-time program, and two (2) times per year for its 72-week part-time program, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes three (3) classes of fifteen (15) full-time students per year and two (2) part-time classes of fifteen (15) part-time to **replace** graduating classes only.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** Based on published examination statistics, the program's current average annual pass rate is 81%. This is seven (7) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**23. Shasta College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Wanda Spratt, Redding, Shasta County, Community College)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' inspections or visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

On January 27, 2012, the Board received correspondence from the director of the Shasta College VN Program and the completed Program Records Survey requesting continuing approval. The program was analyzed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued full approval for the Shasta College VN Program for the period May 13, 2012, through May 12, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's approval for ongoing admissions of 35 students per class every 18 months to **replace** graduating classes, only, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes admission of one class of 35 students every 18 months.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rate remains compliant with regulatory requirements.



**Rationale:** Based on published examination statistics, the program's average annual pass rate is 79%. This is five (5) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated compliance with requirements specified in Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**24. Unitek College, Santa Clara, VN Program – Request to Admit Additional Students (Director: Samantha Sanchez, Santa Clara, Santa Clara County, Private)**

The Unitek College, Santa Clara, VN Program is requesting approval to admit two (2) additional classes to respond to community demand related to closures of vocational nursing programs in the area. The program is requesting to admit an additional full-time class of 36 students commencing on September 10, 2012 and graduating on August 9, 2013; and an additional full-time class of 36 students commencing on November 26, 2012, and graduating on November 1, 2013.

The program is also requesting to increase approval to admit four (4) classes of 36 students ongoing each year to replace graduating classes only.

The EO approved the Unitek College, Santa Clara, VN Program's request to increase its frequency of ongoing admissions to include four (4) classes of 36 students each year to **replace** graduating classes only, with the following stipulations:

- a) No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes four (4) classes of thirty – six (36) students per year (February, June, September, November).
- b) The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c) The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate.

**Rationale:** Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 74%. This is one (1) percentage point **below** the state average annual pass rate.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient faculty, facilities, and other necessary resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**Effective June 22, 2012**

**25. Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Winifred Olajide, Moreno Valley, Riverside County, Private)**

The Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, VN Program requests approval to admit 50 students commencing on June 25, 2012. The proposed class is projected to graduate October 15, 2013.

The EO deferred action on the Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley, VN Program's request to admit 50 students commencing June 25, 2012 and graduating October 15, 2013, for consideration by the full Board at the September 2012 Board meeting; **and** required the program to continue obtaining Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's current average annual pass rate is 60%. This is 14 percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program's average annual pass rate has **fluctuated between 0% and 64%** during the last seven (7) consecutive quarters.

One hundred seventy one (171) students have enrolled in classes at the Career Care Institute, Moreno Valley, VN Program, to date. Of the 171 enrolled students, 57 have graduated and 41 remain enrolled in classes. As such, the attrition rate is 43%. Of the 57 graduates, 32 (56%) have taken the licensure examination. Twenty-five (25) of the graduates, or 44%, have not taken the NCLEX-PN®, to date. It would behoove the program to investigate the cause of the significant amount of attrition and the failure of graduates to take the licensure examination and create a plan to correct the problem.

The Board remains extremely concerned about the program's performance statistics. On April 21, 2011, the EO denied the program's request to admit a class of 50 students and approved the admission of a class of 25 students. At that time, the director reported development and implementation of interventions to enhance student achievement. The director reported that the effectiveness of these interventions would be demonstrated by statistics from the April 8, 2011 graduates.



Based on reported enrollment data, the program graduated a class of 31 students on April 8, 2011. To date, nineteen (19) candidates from that class have tested; twelve (12) have passed the licensure examination and seven (7) have failed. To date, twelve (12) graduates from this class have not taken the licensure examination.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**26. Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, San Mateo, VN Program – Request to Increase the Number of Students per Class (Director: Larisa Rezvina, San Mateo, San Mateo County – Private)**

The Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, San Mateo, VN Program is requesting Board approval to increase the number of students per class, from 30 students per class to 36 students per class.

Currently, the program is approved to admit four (4) full-time classes of 30 students each calendar year.

The EO approved the Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts, San Mateo, VN Program's request to increase the number of students per class from 30 students to 36 students, beginning with morning and evening classes commencing July 9, 2012; **and** approved the program's request to increase the maximum number of students admitted per class to **replace** graduating classes **only**, with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's current pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's current pattern of admissions includes two (2) full-time classes, one (1) AM and one (1) PM, of 36 students each in January and two (2) full-time classes, one (1) am and one (1) pm, of 36 students each in July of each year; **and**,
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities are available to support each admitted class of students; **and**
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain no more than ten (10) percentage points below state average annual pass rates.

**Rationale:** As stated above, the program's licensure pass rate is currently four (4) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. The program has maintained an average annual pass rate equal to or above the state average annual pass rate for the last eight (8)

consecutive quarters. As such, the increase of the number of students per class is supported.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**27. Shepherd University, Los Angeles, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Agustin Dominic Pacis, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Shepherd University VN Program requests approval to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing June 25, 2012, and graduating September 21, 2013. The proposed class would **replace** students graduating June 16, 2012.

The EO approved Shepherd University VN Program's request to admit a part-time class of 30 students commencing June 25, 2012, and graduating September 21, 2013. The proposed class will **replace** students who graduated June 16, 2012. Additionally, the EO required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Since quarter one (1) of 2011, the program's average annual pass rate has dropped 19 percentage points. The program's current average annual licensure pass rate is 63%. This is 12 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. There have been 17 quarters of data recorded for the program. This is the first (1<sup>st</sup>) quarter the program's licensure pass rate has fallen more than ten (10) percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. On April 6, 2012, the director voluntarily submitted a plan to increase the program's pass rates.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**28. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program –Request to Admit Students (Director: Khadeer Khan, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Beverly Hills, VN Program requests approval to admit a full-time class of 20 students with two (2) alternates on July 2, 2012, graduating September 26, 2013 to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate June 24, 2012.



The EO approved the program's request to admit a full-time class of 20 students on July 2, 2012, graduating September 26, 2013, only, to **replace** students who are scheduled to graduate June 24, 2012; continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of future classes.

**Rationale:** Based on published examination statistics, the program's average annual pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of average annual pass rates for twelve (12) consecutive quarters. For eight (8) of those quarters, the program's average annual pass rates have exceeded state average annual pass rates. For the most recent reporting period, the program's average annual pass rate of 83% is nine (9) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. This data supports the recommendation to approve the requested replacement class.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**29. West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program- Request to Admit Students (Director: Karen Hall, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)**

West Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students into its 15 month program on July 16, 2012 and graduating on October 15, 2013 to **replace** students who will graduate on June 25, 2012.

The EO approved Coast Ultrasound Institute, Ontario, VN Program's request to admit 30 students into a 15 month class commencing on July 16, 2012, only, and graduating on October 15, 2013 to **replace** students scheduled to graduate on June 25, 2012; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Based on published examination statistics, the program's average annual pass rate has dropped 23 percentage points since quarter four (4) of 2010. At that time the program's licensure pass rate was 100%. Although the current average annual pass rate is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate, the significant decline is concerning.

The director has indicated that several graduates have failed to take the licensure examination in a timely fashion. Faculty is scheduled to meet this month to address this and other issues.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, attrition rates, the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**Effective July 19, 2012**

**30. California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Abdel R. Yosef, Garden Grove, Orange County, Private)**

The California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program requests approval to admit 45 full-time students commencing August 27, 2012, and graduating September 9, 2013, to **replace** the class that graduated April 5, 2012.

In addition, the program requests approval to admit 45 part-time students commencing January 8, 2013, and graduating July 29, 2014, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on January 7, 2013.

The EO approved the California Career Institute, Garden Grove, VN Program's request to admit 45 full-time students commencing August 27, 2012, and graduating September 9, 2013, to **replace** the full-time class that graduated on April 5, 2012; **and** approved the program's request to admit 45 part-time students commencing January 8, 2013, and graduating July 29, 2014, to **replace** the part-time class projected to graduate on January 7, 2013; **and** continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Currently, the program's average annual pass rate is 80%. This is six (6) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. During the first three out of the past six quarters, the program's average annual pass rate was more than 10 percentage points below the state average annual pass rate. In the most recent quarter, the program's average annual pass rate was above the state average annual pass rate demonstrating an improvement trend.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the number of students in the proposed replacement classes. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.



**31. Central Coast College – Request to Begin a PT Program (Director: Beverly Veyna, Salinas, Monterey County, Private)**

Central Coast College submitted a request to begin a psychiatric technician program with an initial full-time class of 15 students on December 3, 2012. The projected graduation date is December 3, 2013.

The program's philosophy addresses the program's beliefs about characteristics of individuals, nursing, and education.

The program's conceptual framework is based on Virginia Henderson's basic human needs theory.

The full-time program is 48 weeks in length divided into three levels of 16 weeks each. The students will have the holidays recognized by the community college system.

The EO approved Central Coast College's request to begin a psychiatric technician program with an initial full-time class of 15 students and one alternate on December 3, 2012, only; **and** approved the program curriculum for 1680 hours, including 692 theory, and 988 clinical hours.

**Rationale:** The submitted proposal is compliant with requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, Division 25, Chapter 2, Article 5.

**32. Copper Mountain College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Kathleen Wahl, Joshua Tree, San Bernardino County, Community College)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Copper Mountain College VN Program in March 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified. The program was found to be compliant with all sections of Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The EO continued approval of the Copper Mountain College VN Program for a four-year period from May 14, 2012 through May 13, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's approval to admit 15 students each June.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**33. North West College, Glendale, VN Program – Request to Admit Students**  
(Director: Vickie Lapre, Glendale, Los Angeles County, Private)

On September 9, 2011, the Board placed the North West College, Glendale, VN Program on provisional approval for a two (2) year period from September 9, 2011, through September 30, 2013, due to low licensure examination pass rates. The Board directed that the program admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

The North West College, Glendale, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 full-time students commencing September 17, 2012, and graduating December 16, 2013, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on August 24, 2012.

The EO approved the North West College, Glendale, VN Program's request to admit 30 full-time students commencing September 17, 2012, and graduating December 16, 2013, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on August 24, 2012; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has complied with all actions required by the Board in relation to Provisional Accreditation and has raised its licensure examination pass rate by 20 percentage points since the second quarter of 2011.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly.

**34. North-West College, Pasadena, VN Program – Request to Admit Students and Request for Ongoing Admissions** (Director: Vicki Lapre, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, Private)

The North-West College, Pasadena, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 full-time students to a day class commencing September 4, 2012, and graduating November 10, 2013. This will be an **additional class** as it does not replace a class.

In addition, the program requests approval to admit 30 students to a full-time evening class commencing January 28, 2013, and graduating April 28, 2014, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on January 13, 2013, and approval to



admit 30 students to a full-time evening class commencing April 29, 2013, and graduating July 21, 2014, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on April 29, 2013.

Finally, the program requests ongoing admissions to replace the day class and the two evening classes with 30 students in each class.

The EO approved the North-West College, Pasadena, VN Program's request to admit 30 full-time students to a day class commencing September 4, 2012, and graduating November 10, 2013. This will be an **additional class**, it does not replace a class. Additionally, the EO approved the program's request to admit 30 students to a full-time evening class commencing January 28, 2013, and graduating April 28, 2014, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on January 13, 2013; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students to a full-time evening class commencing April 29, 2013, and graduating July 21, 2014, to **replace** the class projected to graduate on April 29, 2013; **and** approved the program's request for ongoing admissions to **replace** graduating students with the following stipulations:

- a. No additional classes are added to the program's approved pattern of admissions without prior Board approval. The program's pattern of admissions includes admission of 30 students each to one (1) day class and two (2) evening classes.
- b. The director documents that adequate resources, i.e. faculty and facilities, are available to support each admitted class of students.
- c. The program's average annual pass rates remain compliant with regulatory requirements.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate has been above 80% for the past seven reporting periods.

The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources, including faculty and facilities to support the current and proposed enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**35. Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Helen Taylor, Thousand Oaks, Ventura County, Private)**

The Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program is requesting approval to admit a class of 30 students on January 7, 2013, graduating May 3, 2014, to **replace** students graduating November 16, 2012.

Additionally, the program is requesting to admit 30 students on June 10, 2013, graduating October 18, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 30, 2013.

The EO approved the Professional Medical Careers Institute VN Program's request to admit a class of 30 students on January 7, 2013, graduating May 3, 2014, to **replace** students graduating November 16, 2012; **and** approved the program's request to admit 30 students on June 10, 2013, graduating October 18, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 30, 2013; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's licensure pass rates are currently ten (10) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. The program experienced two (2) quarters of low pass rates during quarter three (3) and four (4) of 2011. It is noted that the two (2) quarters prior to these quarters, the program had no candidates testing. Based on the program's increased licensure performance, the classes are recommended.

The program has admitted 93 students since inception. Of the 93 enrolled students, 61 (65.59%) graduated and 32 (34.41%) did not. Of the 61 graduates, 46 (75.41%) have taken the licensure examination, to date. Approximately 25% of the graduates have not taken the licensure examination. It would benefit the program to investigate the causes and create a plan to correct the high attrition rate and failure of graduates to take the NCLEX-PN®.

**36. Trinity Vocational Center VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Zenaida Mitu, Gardena, Los Angeles County, Private)**

Trinity Vocational Center VN Program requests approval to admit 35 students into a part-time class commencing July 28, 2012, and graduating January 26, 2014. The proposed class would **replace** students in the day class graduating July 8, 2012.

The EO approved Trinity Vocational Center VN Program request to admit a class of 35 students into a part-time class commencing July 28, 2012, only, graduating January 26, 2014. The proposed class will **replace** students scheduled to graduate July 8, 2012. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each full – time and part – time class.

**Rationale:** As previously reported, published examination statistics evidence sustained improvement in the program's average annual pass rates over the past five (5) consecutive quarters. Based on statistics for



the most recent reporting period (January – March 2012), the program's average annual pass rate is 70%.

Such statistics support the recommendation to approve the requested class and continue requiring the program to obtain Board approval prior to admission of each class.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**37. United Education International College, Chula Vista, VN Program Request to Admit Students (Director: Becki Quick, Chula Vista, San Diego County, Private)**

The United Education International College, Chula Vista, VN Program requests approval to admit 30 students into a full – time class commencing September 10, 2012, and graduating October 25, 2013. This class will **replace** students graduating August 3, 2012.

The EO approved United Education International, Chula Vista, VN Program's request to admit 30 students into the full-time class commencing September 10, 2012, only, with a projected graduation date of October 25, 2013 to **replace** students who will graduate on August 3, 2012. Additionally, the EO continued the program's requirement to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

**Rationale:** The program has graduated two (2) classes of students. Currently 30 students are enrolled in classes. These students are scheduled to graduate August 3, 2012. The licensure data for the first five (5) quarters is representative of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) class of 43 students. Of the total graduates from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) class, 41 of the 43 graduates have completed the licensure examination. Of the total tested, 19 passed (46%); 22 failed (54%). The class second class of 36 students graduated in February 2012. Of the 36 graduates, 13 have taken the licensure examination. Twelve (12) of the thirteen (13) graduates have tested. Twenty-three (23) remain to test from this class. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) class licensure data, for the 13 of 36 graduates, shows a marked improvement in the licensure data. The program's average annual pass rate for the most current quarter is 83%. This is nine (9) percentage points above the state average annual pass rate. Additionally, this is an increase from the previous quarter of 45 percentage points. Based on the increase in licensure pass rates the replacement class of 30 students is recommended.

During a review of submitted documents relevant to the request to admit students, it was identified that the program had no Maternity

clinical site(s). A notice of violation was issued and a plan to correct the deficiency is scheduled to be submitted to the Board by July 31, 2012. Since the violation was issued, the director has secured adequate Maternity clinical rotation sites for current and the proposed 30 students.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its average pass rates each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

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#### **38. American Career College, Ontario, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Brigid Barrett, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)**

American Career College, Ontario Campus, VN Program requests approval to admit a full – time, day, class of 60 students on August 13, 2012. Graduation of the proposed class is projected for August 21, 2013. This class would **replace** students graduating on August 10, 2012.

The program also requests approval to admit a part - time class of 50 students on September 10, 2012. Graduation of the second proposed class is projected for April 2, 2014.

Additionally, the program is requesting ongoing admissions of four (4) full-time classes each year with 60 students per class, and two (2) part-time, evening/weekend classes, per year, with 50 students per class.

The EO approved the program's request to admit a full – time class of 60 students on August 14, 2012, only, with a projected graduation date of August 21, 2013, to **replace** students who will graduate August 10, 2012; **and** approved American Career College, Ontario Campus, VN Program's request to admit a part – time class of 50 students commencing September 10, 2012, only, with a projected graduation of April 2, 2014; **and** denied the program's request for the ongoing admission of four (4) full – time classes each year with 60 students per class, and two (2) part – time, evening/weekend classes per year, with 50 students per class; **and** required the program to submit a report relative to its strategies to ensure test security by **September 15, 2012**.

**Rationale:** Based on the most recent data available (April to June 2012) the program's **average annual pass rate** is **79%**. As such, the average annual pass rate for the American Career College, Ontario Campus, VN Program is five (5) percentage points **above** the state average



annual pass rate. Therefore, approval of the proposed part-time and full-time classes and ongoing admissions is warranted.

As previously stated, the program's pass rates are above the state average annual pass rate. However, it is noted that the average annual pass rates have decreased over the last three (3) quarters from 86%, 85%, and 79% respectively. The director stated that two (2) classes obtained answers to the HESI examination. As a result, these students passed tests that they should not have passed and graduated. The director stated, additional remediation would normally have been implemented and the students retested. Since the breach of test security occurred, the tests offered now are national tests. The director believes this is the cause of the decrease in licensure pass rates and has corrected the problem.

The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate each quarter, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**39. Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Laarni Gallardo, Sacramento, Sacramento County, Adult School)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center VN Program in June 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. One (1) violation was identified and subsequently corrected.

The EO continued approval of the Charles A. Jones Skills and Business Education Center VN Program for a four-year period from August 13, 2012 through August 12, 2016, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated that it has sufficient resources to support enrollment. Although the low licensure examination pass rate is of concern, the program is currently in compliance with the regulations. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the

effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**40. College of Medical Arts VN Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval and Request to Admit Students (Director: Adrienne Thompson, Fairfield, Solano County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the College of Medical Arts VN Program in June 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

Additionally, the director requested approval to admit a part-time class of 24 students and two alternates to start on September 24, 2012, to **replace** students graduating on September 15, 2012.

The EO continued approval of the College of Medical Arts VN Program for a four-year period from June 24, 2012 through June 23, 2016, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the College of Medical Arts VN Program's request to admit 24 students and two (2) alternates into a part-time day class commencing September 24, 2012, only, and graduating January 24, 2014; and required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has the resources to support the students requested. Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**41. Franklin Career College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval and Request to Admit Students (Director: Maria Luisa Lahorra, Ontario, San Bernardino County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.



A Program Records Survey was completed by the Franklin Career College VN Program in April 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Franklin Career College VN Program for a four-year period from April 9, 2012, through April 8, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** approved Franklin Career College VN Program's request to admit a class of forty (40) students commencing on August 27, 2012, and graduating September 19, 2013, only, to **replace** the class that graduated February 28, 2012; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.

**42. Los Medanos College VN Program – Report of Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Sandra Castillo, Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Los Medanos College VN Program in June 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Los Medanos College VN Program for a four-year period from September 9, 2012 through September 8, 2016, and issued a certificate accordingly; **and** continued the program's approval to admit one class of 40 students every three semesters.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**43. Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program – Program Records Survey for Continued Approval (Director: Bernard Sanchez, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County - Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program in July 2012. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The EO continued approval of the Preferred College of Nursing, Los Angeles, VN Program for a four-year period from September 8, 2012 through September 7, 2016, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** required the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program has demonstrated full compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations; however the Board is concerned about the declining licensure examination pass rate and will monitor the pass rate closely. Board staff will also monitor the program by reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**44. Prime Career College, VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Marivic Aquino, Pomona, San Bernardino County, Private)**

The Prime Career College VN Program is requesting approval to admit 30 students into the full-time, evening, class on August 20, 2012, with a projected graduation on September 27, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on October 28, 2011.

The EO approved Prime Career College VN Program's request to admit 30 students into the full-time, evening, class on August 20, 2012, with a projected graduation on September 27, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on October 28, 2011; **and** continued the program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** Over the last six (6) quarters the average annual pass rate has **decreased**. In Quarter 1 2011 the program's average annual pass rate was 81%, and then it rose to 86% and 88%, respectively. Over the last three (3) quarters the average annual pass rate decreased to 76%, 67% and it is **currently 64%**. As such, the current average annual pass rate is **ten (10) percentage points below** the state average annual pass rate. Although the program's average annual



pass rate is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate, it is strongly recommended that the program investigate the cause(s) of the recent decline in pass rates.

The program has demonstrated sufficient resources necessary to support the current and proposed student enrollment. Board staff will continue to monitor the program by tracking its licensure examination pass rate quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the director, and performing accreditation surveys every four years.

**45. Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Carolyn Santiago, Santa Maria, Santa Barbara County, Private)**

In accordance with Section 2883 of the VN Practice Act, it is the Board's duty, through an official representative, to inspect or review all schools of vocational nursing in California. Written reports of the representatives' visits or inspections shall be made to the Board. Such inspections determine program compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations.

A Program Records Survey was completed by the Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program in November 2011. The program was reviewed to determine compliance with Article 5 of the VN Rules and Regulations. No violations were identified.

The program requests approval to admit 35 students on March 18, 2013 and graduating May 22, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate March 14, 2013.

The EO continued approval of the Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program for a four-year period from December 5, 2011 through December 4, 2015, and issue a certificate accordingly; **and** approved the program to admit 35 students on March 18, 2013 only, and graduating May 22, 2014, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate March 14, 2013; **and** required the program to continue to obtain Board approval for class admissions.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual licensure pass rates have been within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual pass rate since the program first had licensure data available. Since October 2010, the average annual licensure pass rates have been 100%. As such, the average annual pass rate for Santa Barbara Business College, Santa Maria, VN Program is 24 percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate.

On October 13, 2011, a notice of violation was sent to the program for unapproved admission of classes. The director submitted a plan to prevent a future reoccurrence of the violation.

Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

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#### **46. Advanced College VN Program – Request to Admit Students (Director: Minnie Douglas, South Gate, Los Angeles County, Private)**

On February 25, 2011, the Board placed the Advanced College VN Program on Provisional Accreditation for the two-year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013, and directed issuance of a notice to the program to identify specific areas of noncompliance and requirements for correction as referenced in Section 2526.1 (e) of the California Code of Regulations. That action was taken due to the program's noncompliance with Section 2530 (I) of the VN Rules and Regulations.

The program was required to bring its average annual pass rate to no more than ten (10) percentage points below the State average annual pass rate for four (4) consecutive quarters by **February 28, 2013**.

The Board **rescinded** the program's approval for **ongoing admissions**, including the admission of three (3) classes each year with a maximum admission of 45 students per class; and **approved** the program's admission of 45 students on May 23, 2011 only, graduating May 17, 2012, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate May 22, 2011. **The program was required to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.**

Additionally, the program was required to show documented progress by submitting follow-up reports in ten (10) months, but no later than **December 1, 2011**, and 22 months, but no later than **December 1, 2012**. The Board specified that failure to show progress may be cause for reconsideration of the program's provisional accreditation.

In August 2011, the Board received program correspondence requesting approval to admit 45 students commencing October 17, 2011, and graduating September 21, 2012. The proposed class would **replace** the part-time class that graduated in August 2011.

On October 24, 2011, the EO deferred action on the program's request for consideration by the Board at the February 24, 2012 Board meeting. That action was based on the program's pass rate statistics. The consultant notified the director of the decision.



On February 24, 2012, the Board denied Advanced College VN Program's request to admit 45 students commencing February 27, 2012; and, continued to require the program to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

On May 11, 2012, the Board approved the Advanced College VN Program's request to admit 30 students on May 29, 2012, only, graduating May 19, 2013, to **replace** students that graduated May 27, 2012. The Board deferred authority to the EO to consider the program's request to admit a class of 30 students commencing on October 1, 2012, graduating September 22, 2013, contingent on the program's continued improvement in its' average annual pass rates on the NCLEX-PN®. The Board continued to require the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

The program is requesting approval to admit 30 students on October 1, 2012, graduating September 22, 2013.

The EO approved the Advanced College VN Program's request to admit 30 students on October 1, 2012, only, graduating September 22, 2013; **and** continued to require the program to admit no additional students unless approved by the Board.

**Rationale:** The program's most current **quarter** pass rate is **100%**. The **average annual** pass rate is **76%**. As such, the average annual pass rate is two (2) percentage points **above** the state average annual pass rate. This is an improvement from the 15 quarters prior, in which the program exhibited significantly low licensure pass rates. The result of the low pass rates led to the program being placed on Provisional Approval for a two (2) year period from February 25, 2011 through February 28, 2013. The recommendation to approve the requested class is based on the program's increased licensure pass rates since being placed on provisional approval.

**47. Homestead Schools VN Program - Request to Admit Students (Director: Mila Rose Reyes, Torrance, Los Angeles County, Private)**

The Homestead Schools, VN Program requests approval to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on August 20, 2012; graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012.

The program is also requesting approval to admit 30 students into a full-time, day class commencing on August 20, 2012; graduating September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated June 25, 2012.

Additionally, the program is also requesting to admit 15 students into a part-time, week-end class, commencing on August 18, 2012; graduating April 13, 2014.

The EO denied Homestead Schools VN Program's request to admit 30 students into a full-time day class commencing on August 20, 2012, only, graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and** approved the program's admission of 20 students into a full-time day class commencing on August 20, 2012, only, graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and** denied the program's request to admit a class of 30 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on August 20, 2012; graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and** approved the program's admission of a class of 20 students into a full-time evening class, commencing on August 20, 2012, only; graduating on September 6, 2013, to **replace** students who graduated on March 2, 2012; **and** denied the program's request to admit 30 students into a part-time, weekend class commencing on August 20, 2012, graduating April 13, 2014.

The EO required the program to perform an analysis and submit a written report which identifies deficiencies and strategies to correct identified deficiencies relevant to the following elements of the program by **September 14, 2012**:

- a. Admission Criteria
- b. Screening and Selection Criteria
- c. Grading Criteria
- d. Probation Policy and related Actions
- e. Remediation Plan
- f. Evaluation of Student Achievement
- g. Evaluation of Faculty Performance
- h. Evaluation of Facility Adequacy

The EO required the program to continue to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual pass rate is 62%. This is twelve (12) percentage points **below** the state average annual pass rate. The program currently has two (2) consecutive quarters of low licensure pass rates. A continuation of the downward trend in licensure pass rates may cause the program to be placed on the Board agenda for consideration of placement on provisional approval.

One-hundred forty-one (141) students are currently enrolled in classes. Allowing the program to admit 20 students into the day and classes will give the program a total of 181 students. Denying the part-time class will allow the new director time to focus on the cause(s) of the recent decline in licensure pass rates and perform an analysis of elements a through h identified in recommendation number four (4) above.



Board staff will continue to monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates each quarter.

**48. North-West College, Pomona, VN Program – Request to Admit Students; Request to Increase Class Size; and Request for Ongoing Admissions (Director: Adnan Al Mouazzen, Pomona, San Bernardino County, Private)**

The North-West College, Pomona, VN Program is requesting approval to admit a class of 40 students on October 1, 2012, to **replace** a class scheduled to graduate in September 2012. The projected graduation for this class will be on January 29, 2014.

The program is also requesting approval to admit a class of 40 students on April 29, 2013, to **replace** a class scheduled to graduate in March 2013. The anticipated graduation date is July 31, 2014.

Additionally, the program requests approval to admit a class of 40 students on September 30, 2013, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate in September 2013. This class would graduate December 20, 2014.

Finally, the program requests ongoing admissions of three classes of 40 students each year.

The EO approved North-West College, Pomona, VN Program's request to admit a class of 40 students on October 1, 2012, to **replace** a class scheduled to graduate in September 2012. The projected graduation for this class will be on January 29, 2014. Additionally, the EO approved North-West College, Pomona, VN Program's request to admit a class of 40 students on April 29, 2013, to **replace** a class scheduled to graduate in March 2013. The anticipated graduation date is July 31, 2014.

The EO also approved North-West College, Pomona, VN Program's request to admit a class of 40 students on September 30, 2013, to **replace** students scheduled to graduate in September 2013. This class would graduate December 20, 2014.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual licensure pass rate is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual licensure pass rate and there are program resources available to support the requested students. There are currently 91 students enrolled in classes.

The EO denied North-West College, Pomona, VN Program's request for ongoing admissions of three classes of 40 students each year; **and** continued the

program's requirement to obtain Board approval prior to the admission of each class.

**Rationale:** The program's average annual licensure pass rate is within ten (10) percentage points of the state average annual licensure pass rate; however, the pass rate has declined from 78% to 67% during the past three quarters. The Board requires additional time to monitor the program's pass rate stability before granting ongoing admission status.

Board staff will continue to closely monitor the program's effectiveness by tracking class admissions, the effectiveness of employed interventions, and the program's licensure examination pass rates quarterly, reviewing Annual Reports submitted by the program, and performing accreditation surveys every four (4) years.